

DDC Issues Contracts for \$100M in Distribution Services Support

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The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Procurement staff issued contracts for more than \$100 million in distribution support services during the last week of July 2004.

DDC Contract SP3100-04-C-0012 provides distribution services and warehouse operations in support of Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas (DDGM), a facility new to DDC. This contract was awarded on July 23, 2004, to Eagle Support Services Corporation from Huntsville, AL, for a one-year base period and four one-year option periods. Eagle Support Services Corporation is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

The estimated value for all five years is more than \$9.4 million. DDGM is one of four new distribution centers that DDC will open in 2004.

DDC Contract SP3100-04-D-7002 provides material distribution services at the Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, GA (DDWG), and was awarded July 29, 2004, to Logistics and Engineering Support Services Corporation (LESCO), of Huntsville, AL, for a three-year base period and one two-year option period. While LESCO is a large business, they have committed to award \$10.5 million to small business subcontractors. The estimated value for all five

years is more than \$51.3 million.

DDC Contract SP3100-04-D-7001 provides material distribution services at the Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, CA (DDBC), and was awarded July 29, 2004, to EG&G Technical Services, Inc. of Gaithersburg, MD, for a three-year base period and one two-year option period. While EG&G Technical Services, Inc. is a large business, they have committed to award \$3.2 million to small business subcontractors. The estimated value for all five years is \$13.5 million.

DDC Contract SP3100-04-C-0015 provides for a distribution depot in Kuwait, Southwest Asia (DDKS), and was awarded

July 29, 2004, to Public Warehousing Company (PWC), Safat, Kuwait, for a 12 month period of performance. PWC is a foreign-owned large business. The total estimated cost of this contract is more than \$31.5 million.

“DDC’s Contract Specialists are committed to getting the best service for the best price in support of our nation’s Warfighters,” said Gene Surmacz, DDC Command Support Services Director. “They are excellent stewards of our taxpayer dollars and these contract awards are excellent examples of their hard work and dedication.”

DDC Employees Receive “POP Culture” Training

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But their pop culture quiz didn’t exactly involve listing the names of the main characters on Friends, guessing Garth Brooks’ job before becoming a country star, or singing the first verse of any Aerosmith song...

This training was for Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) which is packaging designed and tested using internationally recognized standards specifically for the safe transport of hazardous material. During the June course conducted via satellite, 28 employees from six Defense Distribution Center (DDC) sites were instructed on proper hazmat packaging. Training included use of the automated Department

of Defense (DoD) Performance Oriented Packaging Program, testing requirements, United Nations recognized package markings, authorized packaging variations, and department of transportation interpretations necessary for shipping hazardous material.

DDC’s POP team is responsible for designing and monitoring the testing of packaging methods used to transport non-ammunition hazardous material. The team also assures the testing done by other DoD sites for ammunition items is made available through entry to the POP program.

DLA has been providing hazardous material packaging training to DoD and

the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) personnel since 1989. Since 2002, training has been provided via interactive video teleconferencing. Using this system, POP training is conducted via satellite to sites across the globe. On-site classes are also conducted when required. In the near future, a computer-based, self-paced training package will also be available to DoD packaging specialists and DDC personnel requiring re-training in POP.

To participate in the POP training, visit the POP website, www.ddc.dla.mil/pop. For assistance with a hazardous material shipment, use the DDC e-mail POP hot line, Popsupport@ddc.dla.mil.